

# EDITORIALS

## The Highway Crisis

A very serious problem of inadequate roadways carrying tremendous loads of traffic has been pointed up by representatives of cities in this area meeting as part of the Inter-City Highway Committee this week.

Figures presented to the committee indicated that the area may be bypassed by freeway construction during the next few years while the daily problem of traffic here continues to mount — much of it brought on by huge state and federal appropriations for harbors and beach development.

While the federal government continues to advocate a "run" policy in the event of an enemy attack, and contributes defense money to build escape routes for such an event, the entire southwest area of the county remains an island cut off from all possible escape, although it has all of the ingredients of a prime target area.

The HERALD has commented on several occasions on the plight Torrance area residents would face should they be forced to leave this area in a hurry. With no major routes out of here now except Artesia Blvd, running east, and Pacific Coast Hwy, through Long Beach, Torrance area residents would find themselves on the tail end of one of the worst traffic jams imaginable.

Investigation shows that this city's neighbors would be no better off. Inglewood, El Segundo, the beach cities, Hawthorne, Palos Verdes Estates, and other areas would be trapped.

The HERALD believes it is time that the 500,000 persons residing in the Torrance-Inglewood area of the county rise up and let their representatives in government know that they don't expect to be treated like a step-child.

Representatives are normally anxious to know what the "people back home" think. It's time now to let them know.

It's time to let them know that the steel, oil, chemical, aircraft, and hundreds of other vital industries employing hundreds of thousands of persons do not want to live on an island in the target zone.

## The Freelancer

By TOM RISCHKE

Torrance, which has been growing by leaps and bounds in population, also is 20 times bigger than it was in 1914, when the present city was founded.

For 25 years the county's fifth largest city in area, Torrance last year gained another square mile in territory and is now bidding to get some more territory, filing petitions to annex Lomita and part of the Rolling Hills area.

After a 25-year rest in territorial expansion, the city sprang into action again last year, adding .98 square mile in the Victor Tract and .09 square mile in the El Nido tract, bringing the total area of the city to 19.95, or within an eyelash of 20 square miles.

After a ten-year period during which Torrance quintupled in area, it kept the same boundaries for 25 years. Now, however, it is threatening to surpass Pasadena, fourth in the county, which has 22.56 square miles. Torrance now ranks fifth in the county, behind Los Angeles, Long Beach, Glendale, and Pasadena.

When the city was first laid out in 1914, it had about one square mile — roughly from Western to Carson and from Dominguez St. to Plaza del Amo.

By the time Torrance was incorporated on May 21, 1921, it had expanded to 3.94 acres, not very big as cities grow. It stretched from Western Ave. to Madrona and from 203rd St. to Sepulveda Blvd.

Five years later, it had more than doubled in size as 4.14 square miles of northwest Torrance joined the city. On Feb. 9, 1926, residents of the area between 190th St. and Sepulveda Blvd. and between the Redondo Beach line and Western Ave. voted to become part of Torrance. The only exception was the Victor Tract.

Torrance finally stretched westward to the ocean, after voters in what was known as the Meadow Park tract voted 27 to 20 to annex to Tor-

rance on Jan. 18, 1926. This includes all of present Torrance, except Walteria, in an area which covered everything south of Sepulveda and west of Crenshaw. Its 5.91 square miles marked the biggest single annexation in the city's history.

Walteria, in an area covering .39 of a square mile around the intersection of Hawthorne Ave. and Pacific Coast Hwy., voted 87-49 on March 12, 1928, to join the city of Torrance.

On Sept. 10, 1929, the six-acre Helbush tract, near Pacific Coast Hwy. and Hillworth, joined the city.

The city's record of adding one new tract each year continued in 1930, as the McDonald tract, covering all of present Torrance north of 190th St. became part of the city on June 2, following a narrow 63-60 vote of the residents. Some 3.68 square miles joined the city.

The following year, the boundaries that were to remain unchanged for 25 years were established as a portion of north Lomita voted to annex to Torrance by a 108-40 vote. This May 26, 1931, annexation brought an additional .94 square mile within the city limits. It included all of the present territory of Torrance east of Crenshaw and south of Sepulveda Blvd.

Expansion to the east was blocked by Los Angeles which annexed the present Shoestring Strip, from Western Ave. to Normandie Ave., more than 30 years ago.

Blocked on the east and west, Torrance has, at various times, beckoned to its unincorporated neighbors on the north and south sides of the city, so far without success. There are many in the city who think that the city is just fine as it is, without any further territory. There are others who disagree, and this apparently includes the City Council.

What do you think?

## Overtime Parking Problem



## YOUR PROBLEMS

By ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann: I've been married four years to a girl who is 22. I'm 38. When we were first wed I didn't think the difference in age mattered. Now I'm not so sure.

She doesn't work and we have no children. I don't know what she does all day. It's a cinch she doesn't clean the house. My shirts go to the laundry and she hates to cook. Every night she sends out for pizza or spaghetti.

But I didn't marry her to cook and clean, Ann. This isn't the problem. She's started to run with a bunch of divorced girls. They call themselves a sewing club but I've never seen any of them hold a needle.

Last night my wife came in at 6 a.m. and she'd been drinking. She told me the girls had been celebrating an old Norwegian custom called the "Hook-Rug Festival." Have you ever heard of hooking rugs until 8 a.m.? Please tell me what you think.

No, I've never heard of the old Norwegian custom of hooking rugs until 8 a.m. Why not ask her if she's heard of the old American custom of coming home to sleep?

This girl wants to enjoy the privileges of marriage without accepting the responsibilities. A visit to a marriage counselor could be an education for your wife. Insist she make an honest effort to live up to her marriage vows. She can start by preparing a decent meal. Anyone who can read can cook.

Dear Ann Landers: I'm a 19-year-old sophomore in college and have been dating a 17-year-old high school girl. She's wonderful in every way but there's one thing that irritates me terribly and may break us up.

I was raised in a home where smoking and drinking by teenagers is frowned upon. My girl friend's background is entirely different. She smokes a great deal and her mother has offered her cigarettes in my presence. Whenever I see a cigarette in her mouth it destroys a little of what I feel for her. She says I must accept her as she is or not at all.

Am I narrow-minded and old-fashioned or do I just plain have a screw loose on this subject? Please tell me.

There may be more involved here than just the lowly weed. The cigarette has probably become her symbol of independence and she's using it to defy you to bend her will.

She has the right to tell you to accept her as she is or not at all. And you have the right to take her up on it. Some individuals are willing to drop a habit to please a loved one. Apparently she considers this an attempt to

curtail her personal freedom and resents it. Since you find her smoking such an irritant, better get a girl whose background is more like your own. Sooner or later this romance is bound to go up in smoke.

Dear Ann Landers: The answers to other people's problems seem so simple when I read them in your column. Maybe you can do the same for me.

I have four children in school and a husband who wears a clean white shirt to work every day. My laundry is staggering and I do it all myself. I have a nine-room house and the family is accustomed to seeing it clean. I could get through my work nicely if it weren't for the next-door neighbor who comes over every single morning to visit.

This woman brings a sweet roll with her and asks if there's any coffee around. Then she starts to jabber and before I know it she's offer-

ing to fry eggs for lunch in my kitchen. She's a nice person, Ann, and has done me a great many favors but I think it's brassy the way she comes in and takes up my time. What can I do without insulting her?

The first thing you can do is make certain this neighbor doesn't do you any more "favors." Apparently you're indebted to her or she wouldn't feel free to impose so regularly.

Next you can greet her with a mop, vacuum sweeper or broom and invite her to pitch in. Explain that you simply must get your work done. After a few days of this routine, she'll probably stay at home and do her own work.

CONFIDENTIALLY: THE HARD BELIEVER: If this man wanted to marry you he would have long ago. Wake up and smell the coffee.

## GLAZED BITS

By BARNEY GLAZER

There's a firm in our town called the "Courtesy Cleaners." Thought I'd mention it just in case you've let your courtesy turn tattle gray and you'd like to get it cleaned up a bit.

Has anyone thought of calling them the "fearways"?

Al Harrison can't understand why he'll make a bank loan and the bank will invariably call him, claiming that they "need money." Adds Mr. Harrison: "Gosh, if they don't have any, they can't hardly expect me to have any either."

It's Bob Vincent's yarn about the pastor who received the following wire: "Congratulations, the deacons have just voted you a raise in salary." With which the pastor groaned and wired back: "No, no; am having trouble trying to raise what you now pay me."

To the millions of Americans who yearn for the wistful wall of the old-fashioned automobile, now little more than a memory, here is good news. American railroads have now supplanted their horns on 8000 diesels with air whistles. They learned that compressed air working on a metal, plastic, or rubber diaphragm blends notes into one vibrant tone that can be heard as far as five miles away. Did you see that recent television commercial showing a group of homing pigeons attached by multi-colored ribbons to a moving 1957 automobile, thus giving the impression they were towing the car? First time I've seen a pigeon-towed automobile.

When actress Beverly Garland told a fledgling newsmen she would stick to her natural shade of dark brown hair, she also told him: "And that's my private revolt." The cub reporter started his story this way: "That revolting young actress, Beverly Garland..."

I'm trying to sell the TV industry a story about a vegetarian who tries to kill his wife by dropping poison into her carrot and coconut juice.

Dad arrived home from a hard day's work at the office. Mom met him at the door and announced tearfully that she was worried about their teenage son. "What's he got?" asked Dad anxiously, and mom replied: "The car."

I'm getting tired. Think I'll go to Mexico where two men can do the work of one.

Jerry Lewis admits he's such a ham that he always goes into a song and dance as soon as the light of the refrigerator hits him.

Is this you? An elderly gentleman maintained an exacting account of how he spent his time. Here are the results: 26 years in sleep, 228 days shaving, 140 days paying bills, 26 days reprimanding his offspring, and 2 days slushing his dog's barking. But this is the topper: only 75 hours laughing. You, too?

There are three kinds of people: The Wills who accomplish everything, the Won'ts who oppose everything, and the Can'ts who fall in everything.

This one gets me. If a banker writes a bad poem, nothing is done about it. But just let a poet write a bad check!

## Out of the Past

From the Files of The Torrance HERALD

Five Years Ago January, 1952

A census official arrived in town to make plans for taking a special census here. Officials hoped that the new figures would show at least 30,000 residents. Columbia Steel officials and workers were conferring on a settlement to end the 17-day walkout at the Torrance plant. Konrad Oefinger, 2020 1/2 Arlington Ave., was puzzling over who threw a dead bobcat in his back yard in the middle of the night. The telephone company moved into new quarters at 1307 Cravens Ave. GeGe Johnson was named Torrance High student body president.

10 Years Ago January, 1947

Rep. Cecil R. King called for a congressional investigation of pressures which were working against the city of Torrance, which was attempting to get control of the Lomita Flight Strip (now Torrance Municipal Airport). Otto B. Willett was named city attorney. A north Torrance water well was reported saturated with salt. Gov. Earl Warren was considering a bill to locate El Camino College in the Alondra Park area. Irving Wiedner was named temporary chairman of the newly-formed Retail Merchants Division of the Chamber of Commerce.

15 Years Ago January, 1942

Plans were being made for groundbreaking ceremonies for a huge \$7,000,000 aluminum extrusion plant at 190th and Western (now Harvey Aluminum). Repairs on buildings damaged in a recent earthquake were estimated at about \$11,600. Enemy aliens were warned to register. A Civilian Defense Council, headed by Police Chief John Stroh, was organized.

20 Years Ago January, 1937

Torrance voters were to decide on setting up a separate city school district, apart from Los Angeles, at an election in March and to vote on a new city charter. Francis A. Thompson, 17 star player on the Torrance High football team, died as the result of injuries received in an automobile accident. Walteria was booming, local officials reported, citing the recent sale of 47 new lots for homes.

25 Years Ago January, 1932

Torrance voters were to vote on a new city charter and separate school district in an April 11 election. Emil Kettler, owner of the Kettler Ranch (now Kettler Knolls) died at 84. He had come to this area in 1879. Councilman Ed Nelson called for the drainage of "frog ponds" along Sonoma St., near Madrid and Beech Aves.

30 Years Ago January, 1927

Four thousand acres of land, including the present Ellinwood and Hollywood Riviera sections, voted to annex to the city of Torrance, over the vehement opposition of Redondo Beach. The annexation nearly doubled the size of the city and was passed by a vote of 27 to 20. Torrance city officials denied that they were interested in having the General Petroleum Corp. locate a huge, \$2,500,000 refinery here. Two Torrance men, Carl L. Hyde and Rufus Page, failed to complete a marathon swim to Catalina Island.

35 Years Ago January, 1922

The Pacific Electric Home Building Corp announced it would build 30 or 40 homes near the Pacific Electric shops at a cost of \$100,000. Alfred Goudier was named president of the local Chamber of Commerce.

## and I Quote

"Middle age is that period when a woman's life appears to be all beaches and cream." —Frances Rodman.

"Perhaps the reason why teenagers know all the answers is that they haven't heard all the questions yet." —Changing Times.

## AFTER HOURS

By JOHN MORLEY

As a result of our last column, "Democracy... Republic... What's the Difference," we have received numerous requests from readers across the nation, suggesting a "realistic definition" of the two most important "isms" — Socialism and Communism. We shall attempt to spell out our interpretation of these "isms" as gathered at home and abroad.

Communism and socialism cannot be accurately defined because they are not practiced the same, either by nations or by individuals around the world. From time to time we have seen these "isms" change in practice, although their basic fundamentals do not. This reporter has seen the opposite of Communism practiced in Russia under Stalin, when some capitalism was permitted.

The same is true even today in Red China, where some capitalism still exists. This is also true in all the satellite countries. In Russia religion was persecuted for years, but now it is permitted to function without open persecution. So the practice of the "isms" is in a constant flux, although the goals remain the same.

Socialism is the oldest of the "isms," but the theory we know it today sprang up from abuses produced by the industrial revolution abroad, about 160 years ago, when hand-crafts were being replaced by machine production. There are more than a dozen kinds of socialism today, but their theory is the same. These socialist plans run from the Syndicalism of the IWW in 1905 to the Fabianism of George Bernard Shaw and the Sidney Webbs in the same period. As a matter of fact, the present Labor party in England is an offshoot of the Fabians.

Different forms of socialism have been springing up for more than 200 years, like the non-political guild-socialism which confined itself to the operation of the crafts. This was also a product of England. Like Syndicalism it called for guilds, or unions, to control and govern their own industries.

State-socialism is what is meant popularly today with any reference to "socialism." State-socialism means government control over industry, business, finance, transportation, etc., either total or partial. Socialists maintain that the people should own the factories, farms, forests, etc., and control all means of production, distribution, public utilities and transportation.

In other words, socialism is a political program which specifies that production of anything should be for public use, not for private profit. Socialism advocates that the state should own and operate almost everything, and the individual by law should be subservient to the state.

Communism is "revolutionary socialism." It is violently opposed to capitalism, free enterprise, of freedom of the individual to choose for himself. Communism is socialism in a "hell-of-a-hurry." Its principal prophet, Karl Marx, introduced it in Germany when he was only 18 years old, in 1838. Until he died in 1883, Marx prophesied the collapse of capitalism "at any moment," which of course did not come about; capitalism has made this country the most powerful nation on the face of the earth.

In 1848 Karl Marx established his theory of the "dictatorship of the proletariat" (power in the hands of the Communist Manifesto). This was the basis of the Communist Russian revolution in 1917, which succeeded mainly because of the autocratic rule of the Czarist governments for centuries, and the Russian economic ruin as a result of World War I.

Communism, as advocated by Karl Marx, is supposedly a classless society... no rich or poor; no employers or employees. This was never actually carried out in Russia; for they have rich and poor, and privileged and underprivileged, except that they exist by edict of the state, instead of by edict of natural process.

Communism means government control of all production, all labor, all distribution. It means government-planning, government-owning, government-operating, anything and everything from a restaurant to a million dollar plant.

The Karl Marx theory of Communism has never really been tried in any Communist country to this day. Whenever we ask Communists in various parts of the world for a definition, the answers were never the same. For Communism has been reflected in part in Marxism, Bolshevism, Menshevism, Sovietism, Leninism, Stalinism, Trotskyism, Collectivism, Titoism, Statism in varying degrees. Bolshevism, which comes from the Russian "Bolshevik," or majority, spearheaded the Communist revolution of 1917 in Russia.

The other Communist party, the Mensheviks, derived their name from the Russian word "Menshevik," which means minority. The difference between these two Russian Communist parties was that the Bolsheviks advocated violent means to overthrow existing governments and the Mensheviks believed in gradual control. The Bolshevik theory prevailed in 1917; hence the title, the "Bolshevik Revolution."

In Russia today Communism is reflected in a modern application, which is actually Socialism. People, mostly peasants, are organized in groups such as agricultural, industrial, occupational groups. These "Soviets" are found in town, city, township, county and state levels, but without such geographical bases. Their base is only occupational in accordance with the trade or occupation. The "Soviets" possess no political power. Their only function is to carry out the policies and orders of the central government in Moscow to the people inside and outside the "Soviets."

The Communist party in Moscow is the sole political power in Russia. It represents about 6,500,000 members, out of more than 225,000,000 Russian people. When elections are held, only Communist candidates are listed, but all the people are allowed to vote who want to vote. But, only for the Communist candidates listed. There is no choice. They either vote for the Communist party in power, or not at all. I have seen as many standards of living behind the Iron Curtain as I see in the United States. But the higher standards are nearly always found among the Communists, or among the skilled non-Communist officials. The masses live in utter poverty. Russia did not become the Marx dictatorship of the proletariat, but the ruthless dictatorship of a handful of men. The fantastic dream of Communism for a "classless society" still remains only the dream of the "Revolution."

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